

**House File 2190 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing an energy audit program with regard to  
2 elementary and secondary public school buildings.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 476.6, subsection 16, Code Supplement  
2 2011, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:  
3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *i.* The board shall establish and coordinate  
4 an energy audit program pursuant to which energy audits shall  
5 be performed in connection with each elementary or secondary  
6 public school building in the state utilized as an attendance  
7 center. The board shall establish by rule criteria for the  
8 audits, which shall include, at a minimum, an inspection of  
9 the school building, assessment of the building's current  
10 energy efficiency, and recommendations for energy-efficient  
11 upgrades or improvements. The selection of one or more  
12 entities or organizations to conduct the audits, and a proposed  
13 timetable for the performance of the audits and submission  
14 of audit results, shall be at the discretion of the board.  
15 Each school district in the state shall submit to the board a  
16 list of school buildings located within the school district  
17 by September 1, 2012. The goal of the program shall be to  
18 complete all audits by January 1, 2014, but the board may grant  
19 extensions of time in the board's discretion upon request by  
20 the entity performing the audit or a school district. The  
21 board shall submit a status report to the general assembly by  
22 January 1, 2013, and by January 1 each year thereafter until  
23 all audits have been completed.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill directs the Iowa utilities board to establish  
26 and coordinate an energy audit program pursuant to which  
27 energy audits shall be performed in connection with each  
28 elementary or secondary school building in the state utilized  
29 as an attendance center. The bill provides that the board  
30 shall establish by rule criteria for the audits, which shall  
31 include, at a minimum, an inspection of the school building,  
32 assessment of the building's current energy efficiency, and  
33 recommendations for energy-efficient upgrades or improvements.

34 The bill requires each school district to submit to the  
35 board a list of school buildings located within the district

1 by September 1, 2012. The bill provides that selection of one  
2 or more entities or organizations to perform the audits, and  
3 a proposed timetable for the performance of the audits and  
4 submission of audit results to the board, is in the board's  
5 discretion. The bill specifies a general goal of completion  
6 of all audits by January 1, 2014, but states that the board may  
7 grant extensions of time in the board's discretion upon request  
8 by an entity performing an audit or a school district. The  
9 bill provides that the board shall review audit results and  
10 submit a status report to the general assembly by January 1,  
11 2013, and by January 1 each year thereafter until all audits  
12 have been completed.